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SUBJECT: RHODESIAN IMPASSE

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1. ANC STATEMENT PUBLISHED HERE JAN 13 LISTS THE
EIGHT UNDERTAKINGS ALLEGEDLY GIVEN BY SMITH REGIME
AT LUSAKA TALKS AS:

A. RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL DETAINEES AND
RESTRICTEES, INCLUDING TRIBES PEOPLE WHO HAVE
BEEN MOVED INTO SO-CALLED PROTECTED VILLAGES;

B. RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE;

C. REVOCATION OF DEATH SENTENCES IMPOSED
ON POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR RELEASE;

D. GENERAL AMNESTY FOR ALL THOSE CON-
SIDERED TO HAVE COMMITTED POLITICAL CRIMES,
INCLUDING THOSE OUTSIDE RHODESIA;

E. LIFTING OF BAN ON ZANU AND ZAPU;

F. CREATION OF CONDITIONS TO ALLOW FREE
POLITICAL ACTIVITY AND EXPRESSION IN THE COUNTRY;

G. HALTING OF POLITICAL TRIALS;

H. LIFTING OF STATE OF EMERGENCY.

2. RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN SALISBURY
ARE QUOTED BY PRESS HERE AS STATING ON JAN 13 THAT
AFRICAN NATIONALISTS MUST HONOR CEASE-FIRE AGREE-
MENT AND HALT ALL GUERRILLA ACTIVITY BEFORE FURTHER
STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TOWARDS A CONSTITUTIONAL CON-
FERENCE.

3. AT LUSAKA AIRPORT DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE
JAN 14, OAU SEC GEN ETEKI ENTERED THE CONTROVERSY,
SAYING RHODESIAN REGIME MUST HONOR CEASE-FIRE ACCORD
BEFORE ACCUSING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF VIOLATIONS.
"IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO
OBSERVE CEASE-FIRE IF VORSTER AND SMITH DO NOT DO
SAME." CEASE-FIRE DOES NOT MEAN FREEDOM
FIGHTERS ARE TO LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS AND
SURRENDER. "IT IS A SUSPENSION OF ARMED
ACTIVITIES PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE TALKS."
HE NOTED RHODESIAN REGIME HAD RELEASED FIGURES ON
SOUTH AFRICAN CASUALTIES IN RHODESIA BUT NONE
ON NATIONALIST CASUALTIES "WHICH MEANS THERE
ARE A LOT OF AFRICANS STILL DYING AT HANDS OF
THE REGIME."

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4. ZAPU OFFICIAL HERE CLAIMS, IN ADDITION TO
SEVEN SOUTH AFRICAN POLICEMEN, EIGHT FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE ALSO DIED IN CLASHES SINCE DEC 11
CEASE-FIRE ANNOUNCEMENT. HE ALLEGES INSTEAD OF
ACCEPTING CEASE-FIRE AS ONE IN WHICH OPPOSING
FORCES REMAIN IN PLACE, RHODESIAN/SOUTH AFRICAN
SECURITY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN PATROLLING AGGRESSIVELY
INTO GUERRILLA-HELD AREAS. ZAPU SOURCE ASSERTS

THESE PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS HAD LED FREEDOM
FIGHTERS TO FEAR THEY WERE IN DANGER OF BEING
SURROUNDED BY ENEMY AND THEY HAD THEREFORE TAKEN
STEPS TO SAFE-GUARD THEIR POSITIONS.

5. COMMENT: TO STATE THE OBVIOUS, SITUATION IS
MURKY, MISINTERPRETATIONS -- CONTRIVED OR GENUINE --
OF WHAT WAS AGREED AT LUSAKA ARE PLENTIFUL, AND
ANY SENSE OF MUTUAL TRUST WHICH MAY EXIST
IS TENUOUS AT BEST. IF EVIDENT THERE LONG WAY
TO GO. MEANWHILE, MILITANTS ON BOTH SIDES
PROBABLY NOT PARTICULARLY DISPLEASED BY PRESENT
STAND-OFF.
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